# Internet's Future Social Implications: Upheaval or "Trek's" Promise

# Political, Economic, Social and Technical Impacts of the Internet



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#### Internet - Global Statistics 2012



908.5 Million

(ftp.isc.org/www/survey/reports/current/ Sep 2012)

2.405 Billion Users

(InternetWorldStats.com, Jun 30, 2012)

(approx. 6.5 B mobiles and >1.5 Billion PCs)

### Regional Internet Statistics 6/30/2012



Region	Internet	%
	Population	penetration
Asia	1,070 Mil.	27.5 %
Europe	518.5 Mil.	63.2%
North Am.	273.8 Mil.	78.6 %
LATAM/C	254.9 Mil.	42.9 %
Mid-East	90.0 Mil.	40.2 %
Oceania/Aus	24.3 Mil.	67.6 %
Africa	167.3 Mil.	15.6 %
TOTAL	2,405.5 Mil.	34.3%

#### Recent Changes to Internet

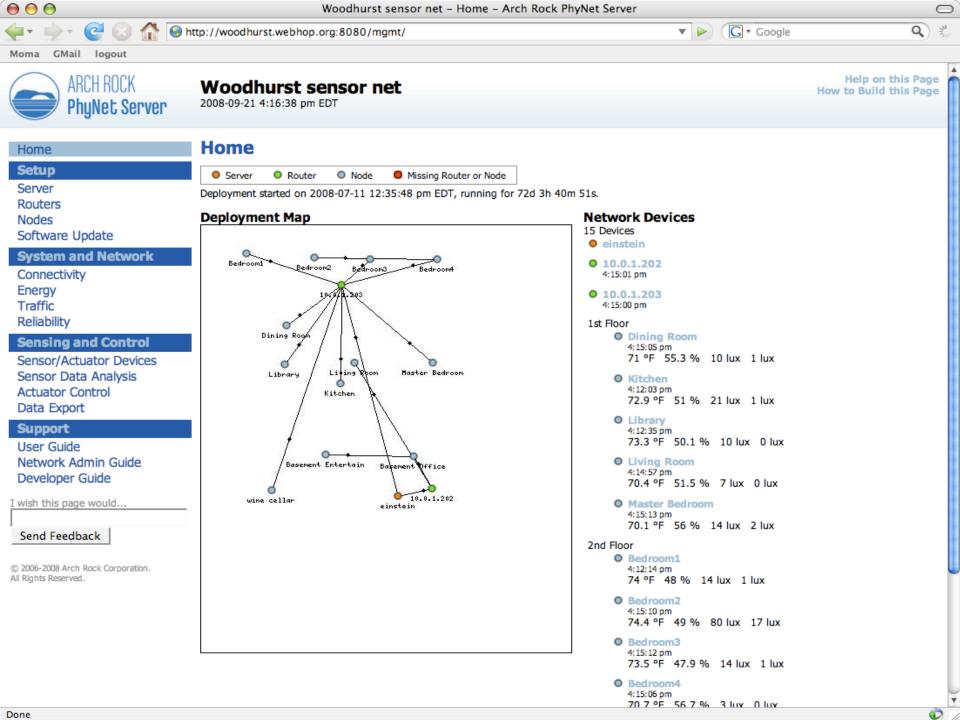


- IPv6 in parallel with IPv4 [IPv6 World Launch 6/6/2012]
- Internationalized Domain Names
- New gTLDs (2000 applications)
- Domain Name System Security (DNSSEC)
- Digitally-Signed Address Registration (RPKI)
- Sensor Networks
- Smart Grid
- Mobile Devices

# Internet-enabled Devices







#### **Smart Grid**



- Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP)
- SEP 2.0 (Smart Energy Profile)
- Configuration, Control, Reporting
- Safety and Security
- Consumption vs Production
  - Solar, generators, wind, electric vehicles
- User settings?
- Multiple receivers of information? (Analytics)

#### Internet Policy Challenges

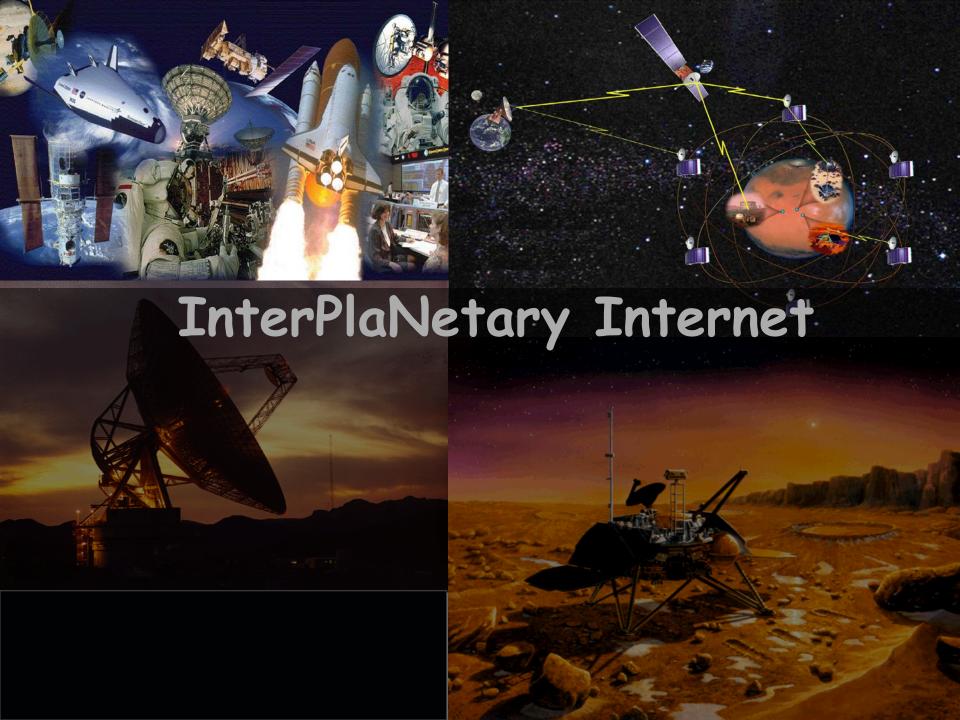


- Internet Governance Forum
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
  - World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA)
  - World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) International Telecommunication Regulations
- Privacy, Safety (vs security)
  - Cyber Fire Department (civilian infrastructure)
  - Anonymity and strong authentication
- The legal meaning/weight of digital signatures
- Intellectual Property (copyright, patents esp. software)
- Digital Vellum (preservation of data and software)

#### **Economic Challenges**



- The economics of publishing (atoms to bits)
- The economics of journalism (tomes to snippets)
- The economics of education (blackboards to MOOCs)
- The economics of manufacturing (3D printers)



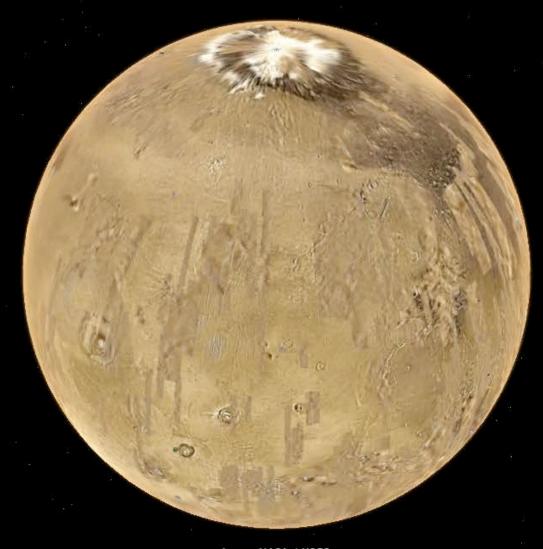
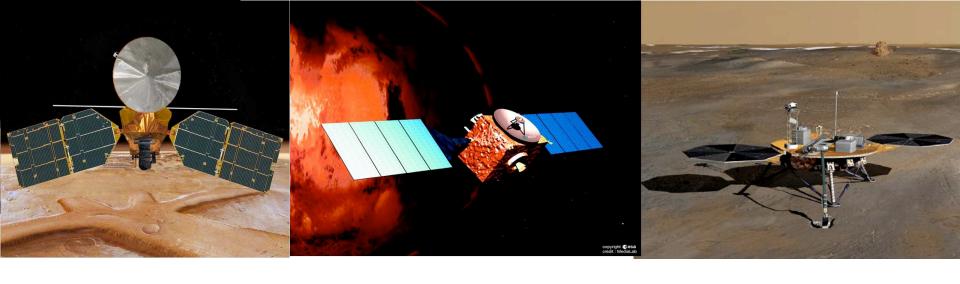
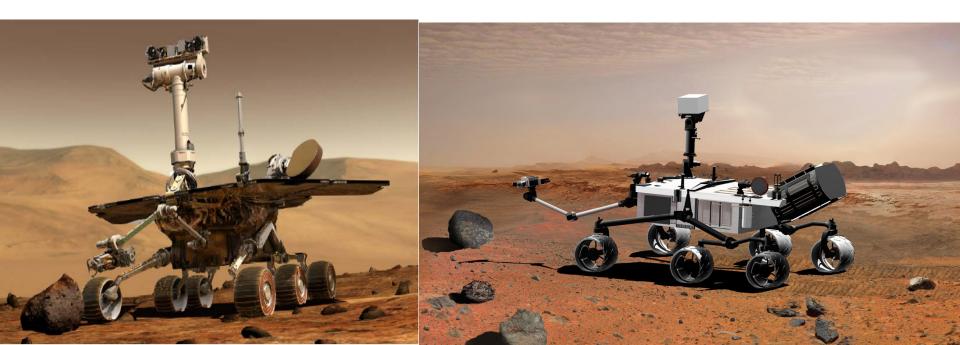


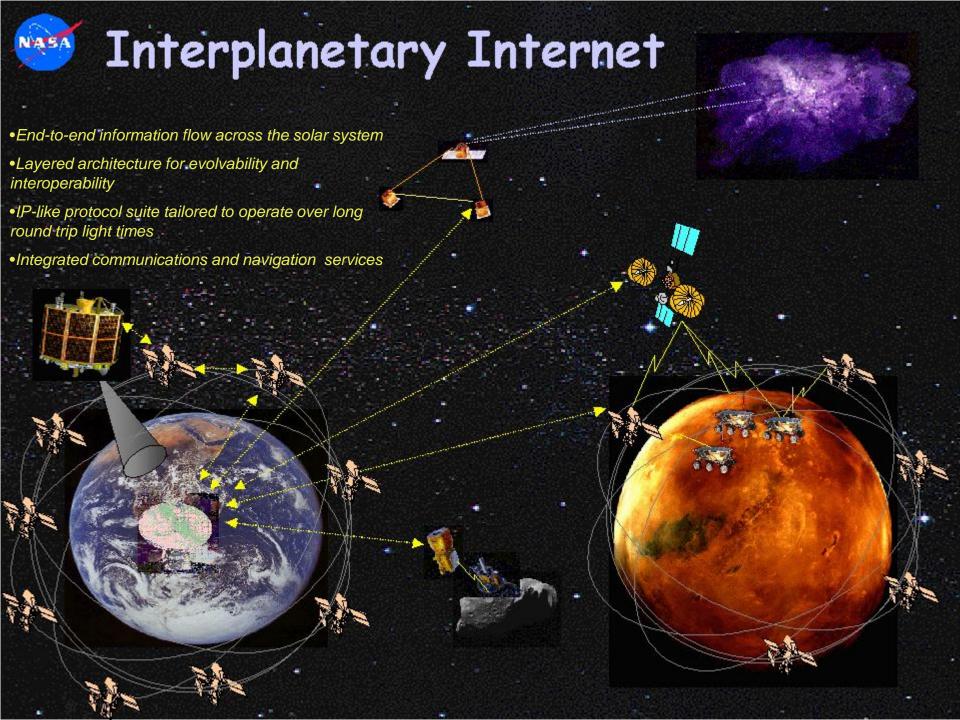
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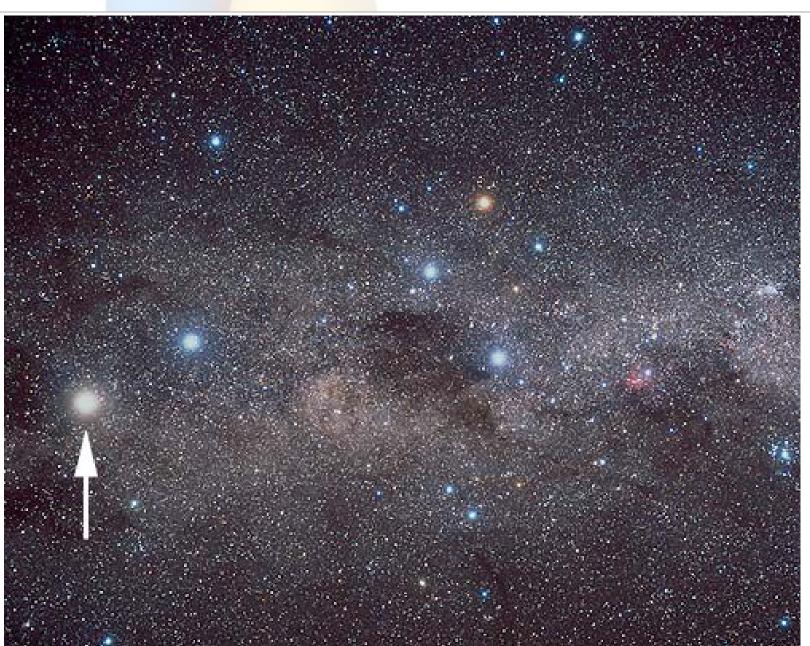
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